



CHES GRADE LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

6TH GRADE DIVISION

10 students per school

Students in this division can be in grades 5 or 6.

7TH GRADE DIVISION

10 students per school

Students in this division can be in grades 5, 6 or 7.

8TH GRADE DIVISION

10 students per school

Students in this division can be in grades 5, 6, 7 or 8.

1. As outlined above, schools may enter up to 10 students per division.
2. Any student who is competing must attend an IESA member school. 5th and 6th grade students may attend a feeder school for the middle/junior high school in their district. The feeder school must also have IESA membership.
3. IESA By-Law 3.041 outlines that a student can compete in the same division during different school years provided that the student is in a different grade in school for each competition. For example:
 - Theoretically, a student may participate in the 8th grade division for 4 different school years - the student can compete as a 5th grader in 2023, as a 6th grader in 2024, as a 7th grader in 2025, and as an 8th grader in 2026.
 - If a student has been retained in 7th grade (i.e. held back in the same grade) and the student has already competed in IESA Chess while in 7th grade the first time, the student is not eligible to compete in any division during his/her second year in 7th grade. This student would be eligible to participate in the IESA Chess state competition again once he/she has been promoted to 8th grade in school.